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May 9, 2003

Lonnie Couch, D.O.
PO Box 4430
Cave Creek, AZ 85327

RE: Letter of Concern
License No. 1790, Case No. 3069M

Dear Dr. Couch:

At its meeting on May 3, 2003, the Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery conducted an investigative hearing on the above-referenced complaint. That complaint alleged that you violated A.R.S. § 32-1854 (6) and (40) in that you did not perform all of the diagnostic tests that may have been warranted to monitor a head injury, and that you charted test results in advance of doing the tests. The Board recognized that other health care professionals were involved with and shared responsibilities for the care given this patient. The Board also recognized that, in part due to the age of this case, records that may have clarified the situation were not available.

Based on the information presented and their discussion with you, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory **LETTER OF CONCERN**, because the Board believed your conduct, as described above, was of concern.

A Letter of Concern is a public document for five years from the date of issuance, and may be cited in future disciplinary actions against your license.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine LeTarte
Executive Director